

'You're not a fan and we don't want you' - Kane and England stars leap to teammates' defence in wake of racist abuse



Harry Kane has led his England teammates in an impassioned defence of the handful of squad members subjected to racist abuse after Sunday's Euro 2020 final penalty heartbreak, saying that anyone who sees fit to hurt stars is not a Three Lions fan in their eyes.

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Cricket: Gayle fires West Indies to T20 series victory over Australia

Chris Gayle hit 67 off 38 balls as the West Indies sealed a six-wicket win over Australia in the third Twenty20 international at St Lucia on Monday to take an unassailable 3-0 lead in their five-match series.

Chasing a modest 142 for victory after Shai Hope's 125 and Akeem Foster's 74 put on Australia's half-century stand of the series, West Indies got home in style thanks to Gayle's blistering that included seven sixes.

It was the 41-year-old's first T20 half-century since 2010 after briefly featuring in the shorter format for the national team in recent years.

Slipper Nicholas Pooran, standing in for injured Kieron Pollard, was unshaken on 52.

"It's a great journey. I'm so happy and so pleased to get a six six six. I just want to commend stand-in captain Pooran for winning a fantastic series against a great team," Gayle said.

Vitality Superleague: Celtic Dragons appoint Danielle Timmuss as new head coach



Back in June, the Welsh franchise had announced that Tania Hoffman would be leaving her role as a director and interim head coach to return to New Zealand and attend to a recruitment process, if not confirmed on Monday that Timmuss would take the reins for her first Superleague head coaching role.

"I am really excited to join Celtic Dragons as head coach, achieving a lifelong ambition of mine. I've been fortunate to coach so many young athletes on their journey through to the Superleague, and I look forward to working with Celtic Dragons. There's so much potential for growth. I'm excited to be a part of that and can't wait to build a competitive team for the next season."

A 14-year coaching career has taken Timmuss to club, university and pathway level, as well as a self-coaching role during her time in Australia and the arrival in Cardiff to head coach for the finished bottom of the Superleague in 2021.

Most recently, Timmuss has been part of the London Pulse coaching staff and head of academy, at this season's England Women's T20I tournament.

"Danielle is one of the UK's most exciting young coaches and we are thrilled to have her take the reins of Celtic Dragons," said Welsh Netball CEO Sarah Jones.

Oxted to undergo thorough check after July Cup third at Newmarket with Haydock Sprint Cup next if all is well

Roger Teal is a horse owner, "checked out" after finishing eighth third where defining his career in Saturday's Derby 200.

Fresh from doubling his 10-year-old gelding in the King's Stand at Royal Ascot, the five-year-old had made do with an outburst at Newmarket after being badly caught in the closing stages, while he was also found to be suffering from mild but serious post-race.

It is uncertain to Oxton's ability he was still only beaten just over a length by the 1d Waller-trained winner Sumner, but Teal was left wondering what might have been.

He said: "He seems absolutely fine, but we're going to have him checked out by a vet to know why he hung across the track like that before, as we'll monitor him over the next few days and see if there's anything wrong."

"He got a little bit hot after the race. It was a stifling day and we had to get some cold water on him afterwards as his body was a bit overheated. There were a couple in the race the same afterwards. Oh dear. Was something right with that gelding?"

He added: "Oxton's been diagnosed with a viral infection. It's never hung across the track like that before, as we'll monitor him over the next few days and see if there's anything wrong."

Assuming Oxton is given a clean bill of health, next on his agenda is the Baffin Sprint Cup at Thrapston on September 4.

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